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Interagency rescue effort saves injured spelunker,  
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*Staff Sgt. Christopher Piercecchi, a pararescueman with the 306th Rescue Squadron from Davis-Monthan Air Force Base, Tucson, Ariz., examines David Shipman, a 20-year-old spelunker after removing the injured man from a cave in a remote area of Fort Huachuca, Ariz., Friday afternoon.*

Photo by Romeo St.Pierre

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# Prepare for fire season now

## Scout commentary

In spite of recent rain and a dusting of snow, the lack of moisture this winter has fire officials worried. They are gearing up for what could be the worst fire season in Arizona's history. Recent rains after lengthy drought, lack of mountain snow-pack, and heavy fuel accumulation concern them.

The recent rains will green things up and new grasses and plants will begin to grow. This growth could then die back during the typically dry months of May and June, leading to an accumulation of fine fuels such as grasses and small plants that will easily carry flames. Fanned by strong winds, fire in grasslands can rapidly burn thousands of acres per day, as was the case during recent wildfires in Texas.

Except for two light snowfalls, there has been no snow accumulation in the Huachuca Mountains or in other mountain ranges in southeast Arizona. Accumulated mountain snowfall tends to melt slowly over a long period of time, keeping vegeta-

tion and fuels moist during the process. Vegetation already stressed from drought in recent years is especially susceptible to disease and insect kill. Low fuel moistures further stress vegetation and increase the likelihood that plants and other fuels will burn if ignited.

Wildfires once burned at regular five-to-20-year intervals in southeast Arizona's mountains and grasslands. In a sense, these fires cleansed the lands by destroying built-up fuels and weak, unhealthy trees. The forests of 150 years ago looked a lot different than they do now. They were a lot more open, contained a greater variety of vegetation, and included varied-age stands of trees.

During settlement beginning in the late 1800s until the latter 1900s, all wildfires were suppressed. Since then, fuels that once were burned by periodic wildfires have accumulated, rather than be burned away by periodic fires. Now, wildfires that once burned as low-intensity blazes tend to be catastrophic, high-intensity events.

Each year, hundreds of homes in the urban interface areas where houses are tucked into forests or grasslands are destroyed by wildfire.

People who live in the forests and grasslands should take advantage of cooler weather and lower fire danger now to make their homes and surrounding areas more defensible in the event of a nearby wildfire this summer. Fort Huachuca residents and units will have a perfect opportunity to prepare for the coming fire season during the installation cleanup slated to take place April 3-7. Soldiers in quarters and off post can do this by creating defensible space around home and property. Depending on the size and location of their properties, officials encourage creation of a 30- to 150-foot zone of survivable space around home and structures. Captain Davis Krause of Fort Huachuca Fire Station 3 recommends a minimum of 30 feet.

Most tasks to create defensible space are simple. Locate woodpiles at least 50 feet away from structures, advises Krause. Instead of building one big woodpile, create several small ones.

Rake up and get rid of leaves and

pine needles from rooftops, gutters and from around structures. Also remove and dispose of dead grass and garbage. Store flammable materials in a metal building located at least 50 feet from other structures.

Prune tree limbs to a height of eight to 10 feet to keep trees from becoming ladder fuels in the event of a fire. This is where low limbs carry fires from the ground to the crowns of trees.

If landscaping, use drought-tolerant, fire-resistant plants and do not locate them near home or structures. Some plants, such as eucalyptus species, do well in Arizona, but are highly flammable.

Use fire-resistant or fireproof materials for new construction or during remodeling projects.

There is a great deal of fire prevention-related information available on the web. For fire prevention information, visit [www.firewise.org](http://www.firewise.org)

As fire danger increases, fire restrictions and closures are likely to occur. For information about fire conditions, visit <http://www.fs.fed.us/r3/coronado/> and follow the link to current wildland fire information.

## Scout On The Street — What women do you think have been most influential in shaping history?



Sgt. 1st Class Beth Bohn  
Military Intelligence NCO Academy

*"I would say my mom because she raised me as a single parent, and she instilled the values and beliefs that I have today that's made me a strong Soldier."*



Rachel Clark  
Family Member

*"I would say Susan B. Anthony for her work with women's suffrage."*



Verle Hackenyo  
Family Member

*"I would say Eleanor Roosevelt because she was one of my kind of people."*



Chief Warrant Officer Ken Wiley  
Headquarters and Headquarters Company,  
11th Signal Brigade

*"I think it's a group of women and I think its mothers. If it wasn't for the mothers of the world we would be a lot worse off."*

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# Firefighters recycle materials

By Joan Vasey  
Scout Staff

Using cabinets removed from military quarters prior to the buildings' demolition, and with the ad-



Photo by Esau Lolis

**Juan Melendez, Airport Rescue Fire Fighter Station #3 engineer, applies a coat of paint to the station's kitchen wall. Fire station employees renovated three rooms in the building using materials from buildings on Post set for demolition.**

dition of new flooring, firefighters from Airport Rescue Fire Station #3 have a "new" kitchen, training/study area and decontamination/laundry room.

"Our new look didn't cost the Army much," said Platoon A Captain, Charles Zaida. "It cost about \$300 for new countertops and some other materials. Three of us did the work ourselves using recycled cabinets, sinks and a dishwasher."

The 14 firefighters assigned to the airfield work 24 hours on, 24 hours off, seven people per shift. This equates to a 72-hour work week for each firefighter.

"Since we spend so much time here, the station is literally home away from home. Our kitchen cabinets were old plywood, literally falling apart. The floors were in terrible shape. They were the old, asbestos tiles. We

also needed work stations in the training room," Zaida said, explaining that firefighters from all three post fire stations attend classes in the airfield fire station's training room. The decontamination/laundry room also needed repair.

The idea to renovate came about during the early demolition stage of nearby quarters when firefighters realized that perfectly good cabinets and other fixtures were being demolished along with the houses. One of the firefighters knew someone who was involved in the demolition project, contacted him, and got special permission for the firefighters to access the quarters and remove cabinets and other materials for their renovation project, in order to save money.

It took more than a month to do the job, Zaida explained. The first step was to tear out the old cabinets and temporarily locate other things while the floors were replaced.

"We had to move our kitchen appliances out and brown-bag our meals while the project was underway," Zaida stated. "It took the

Army contractors quite a while to remove the asbestos floor tiles and perform asbestos abatement, then put the new tiles in place."

Once that was done, firefighters prepped and painted the walls. Zaida, William Hathaway, and Juan Melendez from Zaida's platoon installed the recycled cabinets and countertops.

"Excluding the new flooring in the laundry room, and the flooring replaced in the kitchen under a work order, the project cost the fire department about \$300 for countertops and other materials," Zaida said. "Since we got the cabinets, sinks, and a dishwasher from the vacated quarters and did the work ourselves, it didn't cost anything for the rest of the renovation. Chief Peter Nussbickel was glad to cut us a check. By recycling materials and by doing the work ourselves, we saved about \$5,000 all together."

"Our station really takes a beating. We provide coverage for not only the Army side of the airport, but the city's side, as well. There's a shift here 24 hours a day, seven days a week," Zaida explained.

"Now the firefighters have a better place to hang out in."

## Phishing scam targets Thrift Savings Plan participants

By Samantha L. Quigley  
American Forces Press Service

Participants, as well as some non-participants, in the Thrift Savings Plan are targets of a "phishing" scam, an official with the board administering the program said today.

Tom Trabucco, director of external affairs for the Federal Retirement Thrift Investment Board, said phishing is an "attempt to get recipients of the unsolicited e-mail to compromise themselves by giving up their personal financial information."

Thrift Savings Plan administrators would never request personal or financial information via e-mail, Trabucco said. "Do not respond to unsolicited e-mail, and never give out information of a personal nature (through unsolicited e-mails," he said.

The Federal Retirement Thrift Investment Board

alerted Thrift Savings Plan coordinators to the scam in a March 17 memo, the day after the scam was discovered. The memo described it as an unsolicited e-mail with a link to a bogus Web site appearing to be the thrift plan's account-access site.

The bogus site asks for a recipient's social security and Thrift Savings Plan personal identification numbers. Entering this information takes the user to another screen where they are asked for financial information, including a credit card number, he said, adding that this information can be used to steal an individual's identity.

As long as participants have not responded to this scam e-mail, their accounts have not been compromised, investment board officials said in the memo. Those who did respond should contact their financial institutions immediately for guidance. They should also call the Thrift Savings Plan at (877) 968-3778 and ask to have their

account access blocked, according to the memo.

Phishing e-mails generally appear to be from a business or organization the recipient may deal with, according to a Federal Trade Commission Consumer Alert issued in June 2005. It may request that the recipient update, validate or confirm account information, the alert said.

Participants are encouraged not to attempt to access their accounts by clicking links offered in any e-mail, according to the memo. Only by opening a new Internet browser and typing the Thrift Savings Plan's Web site into the address field can a participant be sure of accessing the authentic thrift plan Web site.

"The thrift plan is a retirement savings plan for 3.6 million federal civilians servicemembers," Trabucco said. "Officials don't know how many plan participants the scam has affected, but the FBI is investigating, he added."

## Advance your career as an Army warrant officer

By Chief Warrant Officer A.J. Williams

The landscape of the Army has changed over the years. Today's Soldier has also evolved. Most join the Army already fully aware of the plethora of opportunities and benefits available to them. Local Army recruiters initially present many of the opportunities and benefits. Once in service,

career counselors may further advise, recommend and present various career advancement opportunities. As such, there is an officer producing program unlike any other aimed at advancing the career of Soldiers, sailors, airmen, and Marines.

The Army's Warrant Officer Recruiting Branch, part of USAREC's Special Mission Division, present

servicemen and women an opportunity to advance in their career field by serving as an active duty Warrant Officer. The branch is charged with recruiting globally for highly qualified applicants to serve as Army warrant officers. No other Army officer-producing program has a dedicated recruiting branch.

Applicants must meet seven basic administrative requirements in order to

apply. They must: be a US citizen, a high school graduate or GED equivalent; have earned a general technical score of 110 or higher (non-waiverable); be eligible for secret security clearance; pass the standard three-event Army physical fitness test (An APFT waiver may be submitted for applicants with permanent profiles who take three events with an alternate for the run; pass the appropriate physical exam, and

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# Customers alerted to rise in use of fraudulent coupons

By Rick Brink

Defense Commissary Agency

Be careful how you get your Internet coupons. That's the word from Defense Commissary Agency officials who are alerting customers about a recent rise in the use of fraudulent Internet or home-printed coupons and steps the agency has taken to address the issue.

Commissaries gladly accept Internet or home-printed coupons provided they meet these requirements: the coupons must have "dot-scan" bars below expiration dates or bar codes with Product Identification Numbers, and they can't be for free products. This is an expansion of acceptance criteria for home-printed coupons because counterfeit coupons have shown up recently in commissaries and other supermarkets nationwide. Officials are pointing to Internet trading as the source of the counterfeit coupons.

"Counterfeit coupons are circulating on the Internet through auction services, message boards, e-mails and other means causing millions of dollars in losses to the grocery industry," said Scott Simpson, DeCA's chief operating officer.

Fraudulent coupons presented recently at com-

missaries were for products ranging from laundry detergents, air fresheners and deli meats to sodas, chips and over-the-counter medications. Defining more stringent requirements for stores to accept home-printed coupons is one phase of action the agency is taking to combat the problem. Educating customers about how to avoid getting taken by counterfeit coupons is the other phase, and it's been described as the best line of defense against possible fraud, Simpson said.

People who purchase or trade coupons are inherently at risk of receiving counterfeit coupons, therefore customers shouldn't buy or trade for coupons. The sale or transfer of coupons is a violation of virtually all manufacturers' coupon redemption policies, according to the Coupon Information Center, a coupon industry watchdog. These policies are printed on the coupons.

Customers can be assured they are not obtaining counterfeits if they get their coupons directly from newspapers or magazines, directly from a manufacturer or from some other legitimate coupon channel, including Internet sites. Legitimate Internet coupons are featuring new dot-scan bars below their expiration dates. The dot-scan bars look like bar codes with

broken bar patterns. Internet coupons also usually have PINs and bar codes, and they are not for free products.

Here are some tips to avoid possible counterfeit coupons:

Look for the dot-scan bar below the expiration date on Internet coupons. If they don't have a dot-scan bar, look for a PIN and bar code. Many now have both a dot-scan bar along with a PIN and bar code.

Look out for coupons printed on photocopy, plain white, photographic or card stock and coupons with fuzzy images or misspelled words.

Beware of unusually long expiration dates.

Watch out for coupons sent in electronic format by someone other than a manufacturer or its authorized representative.

Be wary about coupons with printing on only one side.

Be cautious about use of multiple coupons for the same product with identical PINs.

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## MI Staff honored: Accreditation visit first one for USAIC in 16 years

Story and Photo by Thom Williams

Scout Staff

Maj. Gen. Barbara Fast, commanding general, U.S. Army Intelligence Center presented coins and awards to 41 members of the staff and cadre of the center who played key roles in preparing for, and then accommodating, a 36-member accreditation team from the Training and Doctrine Command at a ceremony in Fitch Auditorium March 15.

The TRADOC accreditation team that visited the Intelligence Center looked at how training is conducted and supported. The team also reviewed proponent functions such as integrating lessons learned into the curriculum, ensuring the center is training the right subjects to Soldiers who are going to be deployed.

"They were here taking a snapshot of how we scheduled classes and how we are resourced," said Nancy Barnes, Quality Assurance Office, USAIC director. "They also looked

at how our safety offices and dining facilities support the training. It's a pretty broad-based look at the intelligence center."

Accreditation of all TRADOC schools is an ongoing process across the Army to improve the quality of active and reserve component initial military training and professional military education.

"This is a terrific day. We don't have the final results back yet, but every indication is that we are going to be accredited," said Fast. "For many of you, it was long hours and it was time away from home and you did this. I'm especially proud because you do it just because you want to do it, not because you have to do it."

The accreditation visit was the first one USAIC has undergone in 16 years.

The TRADOC accreditation team had teams within the team. One team was from U.S. Army Accessions Command, a subordinate command of TRADOC responsible for providing the command and control of recruiting and initial military training for the Army's officer, warrant officer and enlisted forces.

The U.S. Army Combined Arms Center also had

representatives present during the accreditation visit. They looked at professional military education for officers, warrant officers and non-commissioned officers.

During the accreditation evaluation, the team identified seven best practices and recognized USAIC as the best TRADOC School that they had observed.

"They are now sharing the best practices with other schools so we are not reinventing the wheel, and somebody may be able to adapt that to their particular training," said Barnes.

Barnes went on to say that the challenge now is to sustain the goodness of accreditation visit and to educate staff that the accreditation is not a one-time event.

TRADOC School accreditations are good for three years, then the process starts over.

Barnes gave much of the credit for the success of the visit to her "right hand."

"If there is an MVP for the accreditation visit at the school house for working with everyone from the leadership on down to the instructor hidden in the bowels of the school it is Debra Spohn," she added.



**Maj. Gen. Barbara Fast, commanding general of the U.S. Army Intelligence Center presents an award and coin to Nancy Barnes, director Quality Assurance Office, USAIC while Command Sgt. Major Franklin Saunders (center), looks on. Barnes quality assurance team spent 18 months preparing for the one week visit from the TRADOC accreditation team.**

# Don't count on it: Gambling on your retirement

By Steven B. Smith

President and CEO of In2M Corporation

"8 Meat Packers Share \$365 Million Jackpot." The headlines, announcing the winners of the record Powerball jackpot, are a dream come true for eight workers in Nebraska. The seven men and one woman pooled their money to purchase the winning ticket, and after taxes, each is walking away with about \$15.5 million. "I've been retired for about four days now," one was quoted as saying.

The headline you're not likely to see, though, is the one reading "Millions Miss Out on Chance to Retire, Will Try Again Next Lottery." According to an e-mail from the Multi-State Lottery Association, Americans spent well over \$665 million for a chance to win a share of the jackpot.

Far too many Americans are relying on the lottery for their retirement. A recent survey by the Consumer Federation of America and the Financial Planning Association® indicated that one in five Americans considers

winning the lottery "the most practical way to accumulate several hundred thousand dollars." Only about one quarter of respondents indicated a belief that they would ever be able to save as much as \$200,000 during their lifetime. That's troublesome considering the uncertainty surrounding Social Security and dwindling corporate pensions.

According to [www.powerball.com](http://www.powerball.com), the official website of the popular multi-state lottery, your chances of winning \$200,000 dollars is about 1 in 3.5 million. The National Weather Service pegs your chances of being struck by lightning this year at 1 in 240,000. Based on those numbers, you're more likely to be struck by lightning multiple times this year than to collect that \$200,000 check from Powerball. If you're looking for the Powerball jackpot, your chances plummet to about 1 in 146 million.

However, another survey by the Financial Planning Association – this time polling financial planners – in-

dicated a belief that as many as 80 percent of young Americans could save as much as \$250,000 over a 30-year period. Why the big discrepancy? Americans are spending more than they make, and \$200,000 seems a long way off when you can't find \$20 at the end of the month.

Here are a few tips on building wealth and planning for retirement, without picking numbers at the local gas station.

## Calculate your net worth

In order to better understand how to get to where you want to be, you first need to know where you are. Your net worth, which is simply your assets minus your liabilities – or how much money you have minus how much you owe – is one of the best gauges to see if you're moving in the right direction, and moving quickly enough.

Balance your spending today with saving for tomorrow. As a whole, consumers are spending more money than they make. The current U.S.

savings rate is at its lowest since the Great Depression. Despite being the richest country in the world, the U.S. is number one in percentage of population living paycheck to paycheck, according to international market research firm ACNielsen. The U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis recently reported that in 2005, consumers overspent to the tune of \$193 billion, up from \$21 billion in 2004.

Most people can easily trim their budgets by about 10 percent without affecting their lifestyle. The trick is to understand where you're spending your money in order to identify and eliminate 'wasteful' spending. Use a secure online spending management program like Mvelopes Personal ([www.mvelopes.com](http://www.mvelopes.com)) or a computer spreadsheet or even pen and paper to track your spending for at least 4 weeks in order to identify areas of waste. You may be amazed how quickly those small purchases can add up.

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# Beware of online travel fraud

**Better Business Bureau  
news release**

The Better Business Bureau is warning consumers about a new kind of online travel fraud. Websites have been cropping up that entice victims with the offer of cheap airline flights to locations all over the world. The real aim of these web sites is not to sell anything, but to get consumers to enter their credit card information which can then be used by cyber-crooks.

The scam starts when an unsuspecting consumer searches for airline ticket offers using an Internet search engine. This can take them to websites that supposedly offer cheap flights. Some of the known sites include: [www.worldfares.net](http://www.worldfares.net), [www.besttix.net](http://www.besttix.net), and [www.martinafares.net](http://www.martinafares.net). These sites include a form asking the user to enter personal details, including their credit card number and expira-

tion date. Once these details have been entered, to prolong the illusion, an error page is displayed telling the user that the transaction has been unsuccessful, and offering instructions on how to pay for the ticket by postal money order.

Sometimes the consumer is contacted by the company via email after they have given all their credit card information stating that the transaction did not go through and that to keep their airline reservations they need to wire money to a processing center out of the country via a money transfer center such as Western Union.

"This is a devastating type of scam since the consumer usually end up falling victim to the fraud three times," said Tom Collier, president of the Better Business Bureau in Tucson. They are first victimized by sending details of a valid credit card which can be fraudulently used. Second, the

customers can lose additional money if they send the requested amount by money order or wire transfer. Third, the victim usually ends up without any valid travel arrangements. A common feature among these sites is the fact that they never specify which airline your bargain ticket is on.

Until now, the websites identified offer only airline tickets, but it is highly likely that there will be many others offering any other type of "bargain" with the same objective.

"This kind of online fraud is different because it is the consumer who initiates the fraud," said Collier. "The consumer is simply looking for the best ticket prices, but they pick one with offers that sound 'to-good-to-be-true' and end up defrauded."

To avoid this kind of fraud consumers should treat online "bargains" with suspicion, and only make online purchases

from trusted sites. In addition the BBB offers the following tips when purchasing travel online.

- Know who you're dealing with. Check out unfamiliar sites with the Better Business Bureau at 520-888-5353 or online at [www.tucson.bbb.org](http://www.tucson.bbb.org).

- Get all the details. Check the name and physical address of the seller; how much the product or service costs; what is included for that price. Look for hidden charges. Find out when you can expect the tickets to arrive. Know what the company privacy policy is, as well as the cancellation and return policies.

- Look for signs that online purchases are secure. At the point that you are providing your payment information, the beginning of the Web site address should change from [http](http://) to [https](https://), indicating that the information is being encrypted - turned into code that can only be read by the seller. Your browser may also signal that the information is

secure with a symbol, such as a broken key that becomes whole or a padlock that closes.

- Never enter your personal information in a pop-up screen. When you visit a company's Web site, an unauthorized pop-up screen created by an identity thief could appear, with blanks for you to provide your personal information. Legitimate companies don't ask for personal information via pop-up screens. Install pop-up blocking software to avoid this type of scam.

- Keep documentation of your order. When you've completed the online order process, there may be a final confirmation page and/or you might receive confirmation by email. Print that information and keep it handy in case you need it later.

- Check your credit card and bank statements carefully. Notify the bank immediately if there are unauthorized charges or debits, if you were charged more than you should have been.

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# NERDS compete

## Scout reports

Since early January, the Intelligence Electronic Warfare Test Directorate has been hosting the Buena High School Nifty Engineering Robotics Design Squad at Fort Huachuca. Under the guidance of mentors, Kent Cudaback and David Tanguay, and coach, Tom Heller, the NERDS built a robot they named Mega Maid to compete in the first-ever robotics competition held in Phoenix last Friday and Saturday.

The NERDS and their robot placed 16th out of 45 robot competitors. Mega Maid performed so well that it was chosen to compete in what was described as "...a brutal final series of elimination rounds," according to Cudaback.

"While the NERDS did not win during elimination rounds, they did extremely well for a rookie team. In addition, the team had fun, worked as a group to overcome technical challenges,

and came away from the competition with lessons learned and new competitive strategies," Cudaback said.

The competition is not over. On Friday and Saturday, the team will again compete in a regional competition at the University of California, Davis, Calif. "With the experience gained from the Phoenix competition under their belt, the rookie team from Sierra Vista will be formidable," Cudaback stated.



Photo by Kent Cudaback

**Mentor Dave Tanguay (left) watches Ryan Lawson, Clay Larson, Jim Forbes and Thomas Brown (right) repair their robot, Mega Maid, between rounds.**

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# B Troop retires 3 long-serving comrades

By Christopher Zimmerman

On Saturday in a small ceremony, three long-serving veterans of the Army finally retired after 36 years of service. Unlike the Installation Retirement Ceremony held at Chaffee field every quarter, this ceremony was held at the stables for three of B Troop's venerable cavalry horses—Peanut, Sarge, and Stogie.

It has become tradition within B Troop to render honors to their mounts once they've reached the end of their service life. The event was brief and simple as is the preference of both horses and men who spend many hours throughout the year in ceremonies. Standing in front of the gate to the troop's main pasture, B Troop Commander Rod Preuss recounted the history of each horse's service to the Army as they stood in line decked out in full campaign tack.

Peanut served a total of 15 years in B Troop and had started life as a racehorse. Upon joining the Troop in 1991 he quickly became the chosen mount of the commander at the time. Peanut was known for his strength and speed, and was preferred by many for his superb handling and ability to stand still in formation. He was also well known in the Cavalry Riding School for his tendency to drop his right shoulder at critical moments and dump his unsuspecting rider into the dirt. Although only 18 years old, his years as a racehorse early in life combined with his Army service resulted in arthritis throughout his body prompting his early retirement.

Sarge is about 19 years old and has served for 11 years. He was donated to B Troop by the U.S. Border Patrol who had found him in the desert. He had apparently been used as a pack horse by drug smugglers and abandoned after he had served his purpose. It took a while

troopers who didn't proceed cautiously when tightening Sarge's girth were liable to wind up planted on the ground by a well-aimed kick. Unfortunately, Sarge's career ended one day when he stepped in a hole on Chaffee field during a charge. The big horse finished the charge despite

troopers who rode him preferred him to all others as he was an experienced old hand. A very gentle horse, he was also a favorite of the Ladies Auxiliary to B Troop, and in recent years has been limited primarily to duty as a sidesaddle horse. Although still a healthy horse, he is too old for cavalry duty and his eyesight is getting progressively worse.

Once Captain Preuss recounted their service accomplishments, the three quiet and still horses had their tack removed for the final time. After receiving a final salute from the troop, they were turned out to pasture to begin the first step in their new lives. All three horses, through their service to the Army, have earned good retirement homes on which to live out their final days in comfort. Transferred to the Fort Huachuca Cavalry Association as part of an official horse-trading contract, the four-legged veterans have been adopted out by the Association to people who provide good care for them. Although their service to B Troop is over they will be missed and will long be remembered as sturdy and reliable war horses who gave everything they had to the Army.

For information about B Troop, visit the web site at <http://huachuca-www.army.mil/USAG/BTROOP/default.asp>. For information about the Fort Huachuca Cavalry Association, visit <http://www.fhcahome.org>



Photo by Mary Villarreal

**"B" Troop equine retirees line up for the retirement ceremony. Jay Hizer escorts Stogie, Chris Zimmerman accompanies Sarge and Pat Harrington handles Peanut.**

for him to learn to trust people again but he soon became a highly coveted mount in B Troop and was the chosen mount of one of the former troop commanders. Although an excellent mount he had a reputation for being "cinchy." That is

his injuries, but was barely able to walk afterwards. He has been rehabilitated to the point where he can walk normally again, but his Army days are over.

At 25, Stogie is the oldest horse of the three and served for about 10 years. The

## CVE assists entrepreneurs who are veterans

By Rudi Williams

American Forces Press Service

The organization that helps veterans become entrepreneurs by hooking them up with national franchises and contracts with industry and the federal government celebrated its fifth anniversary yesterday with an open house at the Department of Veterans Affairs here.

The Center for Veterans Enterprise has helped hundreds of veteran entrepreneurs set up their businesses or swell their company's coffers. Hundreds more have been helped to compete in the federal and private sector marketplace since the center was created five years ago.

The law that led to the center's creation - the Veterans Entrepreneurship and Small Business Development Act of 1999 -- was well intentioned, but it had a void concerning entrepreneurial programs for veterans, said Scott F. Denniston, the center's director. The law calls for 3 percent of federal contracts to be given

to veteran-owned businesses.

"There was a void having to do with who was going to help veteran- and service-disabled-veteran-owned businesses break into the federal marketplace as part of the 3 percent goal," Denniston said during an interview at the open house. "We knew how to do federal contracting, because VA is one of the largest buyers of goods and services in the government. We're one of the largest buyers from the standpoint of not only dollars, but of actions and the breadth of products and services we buy."

Based on that expertise, VA decided to set up the Center for Veterans Enterprise, aimed at helping veterans break into the federal marketplace, Denniston said.

"We touch between 5,000 and 6,000 veterans a month," Denniston noted. "Most of those are people who call in or come and visit. We don't have the resources to track how many we actually help."

VA statistics show that 10 percent of the 23 mil-

lion veterans in the United States are service-disabled. About 3.2 million veteran-owned businesses represent 14 percent of all businesses, according to the 2002 Census. VA officials said the 1992 Census reported that there were 4.2 to 5.5 million veteran business owners.

Denniston said Veterans Affairs is trying to lead the way in attaining the 3-percent goal.

"This year we're over 2 percent, one of the few agencies that did that," he said. "We know it's because of the efforts of the folks in the Center for Veterans Enterprise."

Denniston said the Defense Department is below 1 percent, but that all of the services are trending upward. For example, he said, last year the Navy awarded \$1 billion to veteran-owned small businesses.

"So the trends are going in the right direction, and we have a very aggressive outreach program with all

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# Huachuca Soldier takes bronze in 2006 U.S. Championships

By Tim Hipps

Army News Service

The All-Army boxing team struck gold, silver and bronze in the 2006 U.S. Championships, marking its best showing since 2002 in the nation's premiere Olympic-style boxing tournament.

Christopher Downs, a light heavyweight boxer



Photo by Esau Lolis

**Khara Keegan of Fort Huachuca, Ariz. won a bronze medal in the women's 114-pound division**

in the U.S. Army World Class Athlete Program, won a gold medal March 11 at the Sheraton Hotel's grand ballroom. The referee stopped Downs' 178-pound championship bout against Alfonso

Lopez of Hunstville, Texas, in the first round.

Boyd Melson, a WCAP welterweight stationed at Fort Carson, Colo., won a silver medal in the 152-pound division. A 2004 world military champion, he lost a 32-21 decision to two-time U.S. champion Demetrius Andrade of Providence, R.I.

Khara Keegan of Fort Huachuca, Ariz., won a bronze medal in the women's 114-pound division. A 2005 graduate of the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, N.Y., she dropped a 27-16 decision to three-time light bantamweight national champion Sacred Downing of Trenton, N.J., in the semifinals March 9 at the U.S. Olympic Training Center.

Downs, a 31-year-old Operation Enduring Freedom veteran who stands 6 feet, 4 inches tall, dazed Lopez with a flurry of overhand rights and straight jabs to the head.

"The first right hand felt pretty flush, but he was still fighting back," Downs said. "I didn't want to rush in and catch something in return."

After Lopez endured two standing eight-counts, Downs quickly scored with another overhand right, prompting the referee to stop the bout.

"I wanted to test him to see if he was hurt or if he was just trying to lure me in to get off a good, clean shot," Downs said. "When I went back on him, I realized that he was still hurt a little bit and I took advantage of that."

All-Army boxing and 2004 U.S. Olympic coach Basheer Abdullah said he sensed that Downs might make winning look easy if he stung Lopez early.

"Downs has a killer instinct and he's got that Tommy Hearn's [style of] big right hand," Abdullah said.

Melson, 24, a 2003 West Point graduate,

received post-fight fanfare rarely exhibited for a defeated fighter. Several fans grabbed and hugged him after he climbed from the ring.

"He deserves the same amount of love," Melson said of Andrade. "He's a class act and a he's good sportsman. That fires me up more than anything else: having a good-sportsmanship match — no foul play, mutual respect for each other, and he gave me his all."

Melson, who landed more power punches, admitted that the quicker Andrade threw more scoring blows.

"I knew I got hit more," Melson said. "I hit him with some good, hard shots, but they weren't all scoring. He's very crafty inside and he has very fast hands. But I'm still a baby in this sport with my experience. I think this was my 32nd fight and I hear he's been boxing since he was about 7 or 8. I'm closing the gap pretty quickly, but he's a tremendous boxer."

Melson said his girlfriend, quadriplegic Christian Zaccagnino, 23, is his divine inspiration. She broke her neck during a diving accident at age 10 and was at the U.S. Championships cheering on Melson from her wheelchair.

"Being with my girlfriend puts everything in perspective for me," said Melson, who met her at West Point. "The fact that I can walk out of the ring, I won. I've been with her for almost four years now, watching her not being able to walk. The fact that I can walk out of the ring and compete again the next day, still the same way, I've been blessed."

Keegan, 24, a native of Sioux City, Iowa, who is nicknamed "The West Point Assassin," fought

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## Range Closures

Thursday – AC, AD, AF, AG, AH, AK, AL, AM, AN, AP, AR, AU, AW, T1, T1A, T2

Friday – AB, AC, AD, AF, AG, AK, AL, AP, AR, AU, AW, AY, T1, T1A, T2

Saturday – AL, AR, T1, T1A, T2

Sunday – AL, AR, T1, T1A, T2

Monday – AB, AC, AD, AF, AG, AL, AP, AQ, AR, T1, T1A, T2, T3

Tuesday – AB, AC, AD, AF, AG, AL, AQ, AR, AW, T3

Wednesday – AB, AC, AD, AF, AG, AL, AM, AP, AR, AW, T3

Contact Range Control at 533-7095. Closures are subject to change.

## Ammunition supply point closes briefly

The Installation Ammunition Supply Point will be closed for quarterly inventory Wednesday through March 31. Those who anticipate training requirements during this period should coordinate in advance with the IASP. Emergency requirements may be addressed to Manny Bringas by calling 533-2512.

## Chapel plans Spring Fling for families

Family members of deployed spouses, mark your calendars! The Fort Huachuca Chapel honors you on Saturday from 5 – 8 p.m. with a free dinner, entertainment and gifts at Murr Community Center, building 51301, off Cushing Road. Families are invited. Children

are welcome, and free child care will be provided.

For information, call Carol and Mark Baxter at 459-0715 or e-mail mean-az@cox.net. Or contact Karen Harper at 458-5983 or e-mail harperjh@earthlink.net.

## “Army 101” introduces Army life

Army Family Team Building will offer the Level I AFTB marathon class 8 a.m. - 5 p.m., Saturday at Murr Community Center, Building 51301. AFTB Level I, also known as “Army 101” provides an introduction to Army life.

The class is free but please pre-register with Army Community Service at 533-2330, or e-mail huachuca\_aftb@hotmail.com. For more information, call Cheryl Patterson at 533-3686.

## Please don't feed the hummingbirds

The Hummingbird Monitoring Network is conducting research every other Sunday on the grounds of the Fort Huachuca Public Affairs Office across from the Brown Parade Field. Residents or office workers who maintain hummingbird feeders within a mile of Brown Parade Field should take them down for the weekend or at least from Saturday night until noon Sunday. This will help attract birds to the monitoring station.

Next week, the Fort Huachuca “Scout” will run a full schedule of monitoring dates.

## Fort Huachuca Lent/Holy Week Services 2006

For Information, call 533-4748

### Ecumenical Easter Sunrise Service

April 16, 6 a.m. Reservoir Hill (Large Parking Lot)

Services	Day	Time	Location
<b>Lent</b>			
<b>Catholic Services</b>			
Stations of the Cross	Fridays in Lent	5:30 p.m.	Main Post Chapel
“Poor Man’s Meal”	Fridays in Lent	6 p.m.	MPC Activity Room
Lent Penance Service	27-Mar	7 p.m.	Main Post Chapel
Hunger Banquet for Youth	26-Mar	5 p.m.	MPC Activity Room

### Holy Week

<b>Catholic Services</b>			
Palm Sunday Vigil Mass	8-Apr	5 p.m.	Main Post Chapel
Palm Sunday Mass	9-Apr	9:15 a.m.	Main Post Chapel
Palm Sunday Mass	9-Apr	11:30 a.m.	Kino Chapel
Holy Thursday Mass	13-Apr	7 p.m.	Main Post Chapel
Good Friday - Passion Service	14-Apr	7 p.m.	Main Post Chapel
Holy Saturday Mass (Easter Vigil)	15-Apr	7 p.m.	Main Post Chapel
Easter Sunday Mass	16-Apr	9:15 a.m.	Main Post Chapel
Easter Sunday Mass	16-Apr	11:30 a.m.	Kino Chapel

### Protestant Services

Palm Sunday	9-Apr	Regular Services and Chapels
Living Last Supper	12-Apr	7p.m. Main Post Chapel
Maundy Thursday (Episcopal)	13-Apr	6 p.m. Blessed Sacrament (MPC)
Good Friday	14-Apr	7p.m. Prosser Village Chapel
Good Friday (Episcopal Liturgy)		6 p.m. Main Post Chapel
Easter Service	16-Apr	Regular Services and Chapels

### Jewish Services

Passover	12-Apr	6 p.m.MPC	Activity Room
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## Chaplain's Corner

### Protestant Sunday Services

8 a.m.	Episcopal	Main Post
9:20 a.m.	Gospel	Kino Chapel
9:30 a.m.	Protestant	Prosser Village
11 a.m.	Cross Roads	Cochise Theater
11 a.m.	Collective	Main Post
3:30 p.m.	ALPHA	Prosser Village

### Roman Catholic Worship

Mon.-Fri.	11:30 a.m.	Main Post
Saturday	4 p.m.	Main Post
Confession		
Saturday	5 p.m.	Main Post
Mass		
Sunday	9:30 a.m.	Main Post
Mass		
Sunday	11:30 a.m.	Kino Chapel
Mass		

### Jewish Worship

Friday	7 p.m.	Main Post
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### Catholic

<u>Main Post Chapel</u>		
CCD	Sunday	10:45 a.m.
Adult	Sunday	10:45 a.m.
Apologetics		
Adoration of the	Friday	3 - 6 p.m.
Sacrament Blessed		
Korean OCIA	Friday	7 p.m.
MCCW	1st Friday	9 a.m.

### Protestant

<u>Main Post Chapel</u>		
PWOC	Tuesday	9 a.m.
Sunday School	Sunday	9:30 a.m.
<u>Kino Chapel</u>		
Women's Ministry	1st, 3rd Friday	6 p.m.
Bible Study Fellowship		
Adult/Youth	Sunday	8 a.m.
Sunday School		
Youth Church	1st, 2nd, 3rd, 5th Sunday	
Men's Choir	Tuesday	7 p.m.

Rehearsal		
Women's Choir	2nd Tuesday	7 p.m.
Rehearsal		
Adult Bible Study	Thursday	6 - 7 p.m.
Youth Bible Study	Thursday	6 - 7 p.m.
Sanctuary Choir	Thursday	7 p.m.
Rehearsal		
Youth Ushers	Saturday	10 a.m.
Youth Choir	3rd Saturday	10:30 a.m.
Youth Emphasis	4th Saturday	
Saturdays		
Drama Team	Saturday	8:30 a.m.
Youth Min. Staff	Saturday	10 a.m.
& Parents Meeting		
Youth Choir	Saturday	10:30 a.m.
Rehearsal		

### Murr Community Center

Teens and	Sunday	9:20 a.m.
Pre-teens Study		
Parish Council	1st Sunday after service	
Meetings		
Women's Ministry	2nd Sunday	

Meetings		
Youth Ministry	3rd Sunday	
Meetings		
Adult Usher	4th Sunday after service	
Meetings		
Men's Ministry	Saturday	8 a.m.
Bible Study		
Women's Choir	5th Saturday	11 a.m.
Rehearsal		

### Muslim Prayer

Friday	11:30 a.m.	Main Post
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### Buddhist Weekly Teaching

Tuesday	6:30 p.m.	Prosser Village
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### Orthodox Divine Liturgy

Sunday	9:30 a.m.	Main Post
Vice	10:00 a.m.	

### Latter Day Saints Service

Sunday	1 p.m.	Prosser Village
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have no less than 12 months remaining on the current service contract

The Warrant Officer Recruiting Branch has achieved success with an overall mission rate of 109 percent for fiscal year 2005. The branch recruited close to 1,200 Soldiers, sailors, airmen, and Marines last fiscal year and expects approximately 1,400 more to fill the warrant officer ranks this fiscal year with fiscal year 2007 expected to

top 1,700 new selections. Some specialties are challenging as the numbers of applications received have progressively dwindled. Among the challenges are filling the Special Forces, Military Intelligence and Ordnance specialties.

Potential applicants will appreciate the ease in which they may apply for the program. Over the last three months, USAREC's warrant officer application processing and board

selection process has been automated, reducing time, labor and costs for everyone involved.

Applicants now may fax, mail, or e-mail the applications to USAREC for review. Additionally, applicants may check the status of an application by logging onto USAREC's Web site at [www.usarec.army.mil/warrant](http://www.usarec.army.mil/warrant). Planned USAREC initiatives for fiscal year 2006 include briefings for deployed personnel and electronic

submission of applications. A shortened Warrant Officer Candidate course (four weeks, four days) for applicants who completed Warrior Leader Course or higher "...is a definite plus." according to Staff Sgt. Timothy McWilliams of Fort Polk, La.). Yes, it's a great time to become a warrant officer!

For more information on how to become an active duty US Army warrant officer, visit [www.USAREC.army.mil/warrant](http://www.USAREC.army.mil/warrant).

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Stop paying interest and start earning it

There are two sides to your net worth, your assets and your liabilities. While it may sound simple, to improve your net worth, decrease your liabilities — your debts — and increase your assets — bank accounts, investments and property.

Because your debts often carry higher interest rates than most investments, it's usually a good idea to start there, especially credit card debt which can carry interest rates anywhere from 12-21percent. Pay

off your balance each month if at all possible.

You may want to start improving your assets by building an emergency fund — equal to three - six months' living expenses, and then start a retirement account. If you're fortunate enough to have an employer-sponsored 401(k), take full advantage of it. Due to tax breaks and often an employer match, you are turning down free money if you're not participating in a retirement plan.

The "miracle" of compounding interest can turn even small contribu-

tions into a sizeable nest egg over time.

#### **Watching your nest egg grow**

Time is your biggest ally in preparing for retirement. The sooner you begin, the easier it will be. Monitor your net worth regularly and make adjustments as necessary.

By managing your spending today, and earning interest instead of paying it, a healthy retirement nest egg is much more practical and possible than you may have thought. Investing the money you were going to spend on those lotto tickets may be a good start.

### **Seafood Extravaganza coming to commissary**

The first-ever, indoor Seafood Extravaganza takes place March 30 and April 1 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. at the Fort Huachuca Commissary. The event will be similar to seafood extravaganzas held at Tucson warehouse and grocery stores.

The sale will feature live lobsters, king crab legs, shrimp, catfish and salmon fillets offered at special prices.

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valiantly in her U.S. Championships debut.

"She gave me a tough fight, but I went in there and just tried to wear her down

and punch with her," Keegan said of Downing. "I'm still happy with the outcome. She's been here before so she has a little better idea of

what to expect."

"I was very pleased with her effort," Abdullah said of Keegan. "She executed everything we asked her to do to perfection. We just didn't have enough force behind

our punches to get credit for our work."

John Franklin, another WCAP boxer stationed at Fort Carson, lost in the 112-pound quarterfinals to Cincinnati's Rau'Shee Warren, a

2004 Olympian who won his second national crown.

All-Army boxers Marshall Christmas, Jose Jimenez and Charles Rios were eliminated March 6 during preliminary bouts.

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the services, but particularly with the Army and Air Force," he said. "We've actually gone around the country and trained their contracting officers about the program. We also teach service-disabled veterans how to do business with the military services."

Veterans, including service-disabled veterans, often go into businesses based on expertise they gained in the

military, Denniston said. "As an example, we have a number of businesses that are in information technology, communications and networking, environmental remediation, and guard services for men and women who were military police," he noted. "People who were Seabees in the Navy are in construction and architectural engineering. So there isn't a business type that veterans

aren't breaking into. But most of it is based on their experience in the military."

The center's staff of 15 people fans out across the country to spread the word to active duty personnel and members of the National Guard and Reserve. "Our goal is to make sure that when a veteran leaves the military, they know about the Center for Veterans Enterprise and the

services we provide," Denniston said. "What's interesting is that the vast majority of veterans that come to us are people that have been out of the military between seven and 15 years. They've made the successful transition from military to civilian life, and now they want to start a small business."

Denniston said that's to be expected. "We don't get a lot

of people right out the military who want to start a business," he noted. "Part of that is the majority of the military, particularly the Guard and Reserve, are married and need to provide for their families. The other thing is we don't pay our veterans a lot when they're on active duty, so most veterans don't have a nest egg. They need to build up that nest egg

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**Col. Jonathan Hunter, Fort Huachuca garrison commander points to the cave's location on a map during a pre-rescue operation briefing. Angela Moncur, deputy Fort Huachuca Public Affairs officer (center) and Tanja Linton, Media Relations officer, hold the map.**



Photo by Thom Williams

**Cochise County Sheriff Larry Dever, Ronald Hager and Col. Jonathan Hunter discuss Emergency Operations Center strategies for the cave rescue.**



Photo by Romeo St.Pierre

**Rescuers carry Shipman to a helicopter that flew him to a Tucson hospital.**

## Lost spelunker successfully rescued

By Thom Williams

Scout Staff

A spelunker who fell 40 feet into a pit in a cave in the Blacktail Canyon area of Fort Huachuca was rescued Friday due to the combined efforts of approximately 170 people from local military units, civilian law-enforcement agencies and volunteer rescue organizations.

David Shipman, 20, a Duke University student from Sierra Vista, was home on spring break when he and two friends, Mark Tillman and John McCracken, hiked to the cave at about 3 p.m. on March 16.

Shipman then rappelled further into the cave by himself to retrieve an item he had left behind during a previous visit. He told his friends he would return in a half a hour. When the 30 minutes turned into two hours, Tillman made his way out of the cave. He drove to an area where he could receive cell phone service, and notified police and Shipman's parents, while McCracken stayed behind.

"Really, we were just hoping that he was late and when we got to the point that it was 9 o'clock at night, we were getting kind of worried," said Mark Tillman.

Soldiers from the 18th Military Police Detachment were the first on the scene.

Sgt. David Riley was the first responder and said he knew immediately that more help was needed. Many of the MPs who responded to the incident stayed at the scene for more than 12 hours.

The Cochise County Sheriff's Search and Rescue Posse got called out at 8 p.m. and arrived on scene at about 9:30 p.m. The injured spelunker was located at 2 a.m., but the rescue operation went very slowly.

"Once you get into the cave, apparently you have to go horizontally for about 200 feet then it's a straight drop for 40 feet, then horizontally again for 300 feet, then another drop of 40 feet," explained Fred Todd, a member of the CCSSRP.

"It was cold and wet. Most of the crevices we had to go through

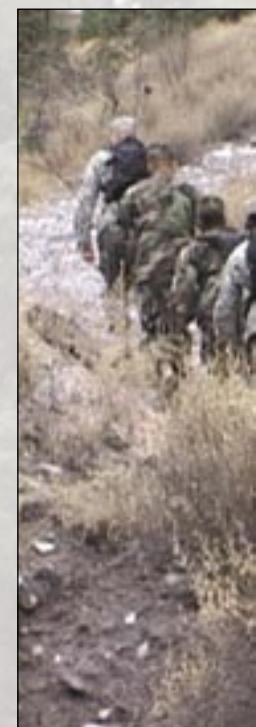
to get from room to room. The cave was about as wide as a hallway. If there was any rescue gear and nothing else, it was dark," said Daniel McCracken, a member of the CCSSRP who had been on the scene with the rescue force.

MPs from Fort Huachuca deployed their mobile command center and Operations Center around the entrance to Blacktail Canyon. The canyon was lined with an assortment of rescue equipment, including mobile command centers.

Once daylight came, several Humvees from the 1st Signal Brigade were used to transport rescuers to the entrance of Blacktail Canyon. The area located a trailhead for a 15-minute ride up the canyon.

A call went out to all hands to assist in the rescue. A drill sergeant with trainees from the 1st Intelligence Brigade hiked to the cave entrance.

Maj. Gen. Barry D. Smith, commanding general of the Army Intelligence Center at Fort Huachuca, arrived on the scene.



Soldiers begin the rescue operation.



# rescued by multi-agency team

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Hunter, garrison commander, were at the initial staging area monitoring the situation.

Resources from throughout Southern Arizona assisted with the rescue. A Blackhawk helicopter from U.S. Customs and Border Protection transported a group of specially trained Border Patrol, Border Search, Trauma and Rescue team agents to the initial staging area.

Nearby an Arizona Department of Public Safety helicopter was reconfigured to pluck the injured spelunker from the steep terrain.

"I'm very impressed at the way they are working. They've done a great job. They've got all kinds of different people out here," said Tillman, one of the injured man's companions, who remained on the scene throughout the night.

The wind picked up in the afternoon, so a call went out to the 305th Rescue Squadron, an Air Force Reserve Unit from Davis-Monthan Air Force Base in Tucson, Ariz. A HH-60G Pave Hawk

helicopter, similar to the Army's UH-60 Blackhawk helicopter was launched to pluck Shipman from the steep and remote area of the canyon once he was brought out of the cave at around 4 p.m. Friday.

Shipman was then transported to the mouth of the canyon where he was transferred to a Lifeline medical helicopter and flown to University Medical Center in Tucson.

Shipman was treated for his injuries and was discharged from the hospital on Saturday.

"About 170 people were up here helping to rescue some one they didn't know. Many had been up all night and not a single complaint was heard. It was an amazing demonstration of partnership with local and regional organizations pulling together for a common mission," Hunter said.

Fort Huachuca's West Gate was closed during the rescue operation, and Canelo Road was used as a landing zone for a variety of rescue helicopters.



Photo by Romeo St.Pierre

**Sergeant Roy Cook of the Cochise County Sheriff's Department delivers food to personnel assisting with the rescue.**



Photo by Thom Williams

**Members of the Border Patrol's Border Search, Trauma and Rescue Team hike supplies in to the rescue staging area.**



Photo by Romeo St.Pierre

**their hike to the cave in order to assist with the rescue.**

Photo illustration by Rob Martinez

## The following organizations participated in the Blacktail Canyon rescue on March 16 and Friday:

- 18th Military Police Detachment
- 111th Military Intelligence Brigade
- 11th Signal Battalion
- Fort Huachuca Fire Department
- 305th Air Rescue Squadron
- Cochise County Sheriff's Search and Rescue Posse
- Cochise County Radio Amateur Communications Emergency Services
- Pima County Search and Rescue
- Southern Arizona Rescue Association
- Fry Fire Department
- U.S. Customs and Border Protection, Border Search, Trauma and Rescue team
- Arizona Department of Public Safety Air Unit
- Lifeline



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# Ultimate sacrifice in support of GWOT

The Department of Defense announced the death of two soldiers who were supporting Operation Iraqi Freedom. They died in Tikrit, Iraq, on March 16, when a mortar round detonated.

Killed were:

**Sgt. Amanda N. Pinson**, 21, of St. Louis, Mo.

**Spc. Carlos M. Gonzalez**, 22, of Middletown, N.Y.

Pinson and Gonzalez were assigned to the 101st Military Intelligence Detachment, 501st Special Troops Battalion, 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault), Fort Campbell, Ky.

The Department of Defense announced the death of two soldiers who were supporting Operation Iraqi Freedom. They died near Ar Ramadi, Iraq on March 13, when they came under small arms fire and an improvised explosive device detonated during combat operations.

Killed were:

**Staff Sgt. Marco, A. Silva**, 27, of Alva, Fla. Silva was assigned to the 1st Battalion, 506th Infantry, 4th Brigade Combat Team, 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault), Fort Campbell, Ky.

**Sgt. Corey A. Dan**, 22, of Norway, Maine. Dan was assigned the 1st Battalion, 506th Infantry, 4th Brigade Combat Team, 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault), Fort Campbell, Ky.

**Pfc. Angelo A. Zawaydeh**, 19, of San Bruno, Calif., died in Baghdad, Iraq on March 15, when his traffic control point came under mortar attack during combat operations. Zawaydeh was assigned to the 2nd Battalion, 502nd Infantry, 2nd Brigade, 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault), Fort Campbell, Ky.

**Staff Sgt. Bryan A. Lewis**, 32, of Bunkie, La., died north of Rustamayah, Iraq, on March 13, when an improvised device detonated near his HMMWV during a convoy operations. Lewis was assigned to the 519th Military Police Battalion,

49th Military Police Brigade, Fort Polk La.

The Department of Defense announced the death of four soldiers who were supporting Operation Enduring Freedom. They died west of Asadabad, Afghanistan, on March 12, when an improvised explosive device detonated near their HMMWV during combat operations.

Killed were:

**Staff Sgt. Joseph, R. Ray**, 29, of Asheville, N.C. Ray was assigned to the Army Reserve's 391st Engineer Battalion, Asheville, N.C.

**Sgt. Kevin D. Akins**, 29, of Burnsville, N.C. Akins was assigned to the Army Reserve's 391st Engineer Battalion, Asheville, N.C.

**Sgt. Anton J. Hiatt**, 25, of Mount Airy, N.C. Hiatt was assigned to the Army Reserve's 391st Engineer Battalion, Greenville, S.C.

**Spc. Joshua L. Hill**, 24, of Fairmount, Ind. Hill was assigned to the Army Reserve's 391st Engineer Battalion, Asheville, N.C.

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**Lance Cpl. Nicholas R. Anderson**, 21, of Sauk City, Wis., died March 13 in a non-hostile vehicle accident in Afghanistan. He was assigned to the 1st Battalion, 3rd Marine Regiment, 3rd Marine Division, III Marine Expeditionary Force, Kaneohe Bay, Hawaii.

**Lance Cpl. Kristen K. Figueroa**, 20, of Honolulu, Hawaii, died March 12 while conducting combat operations in Al Anbar province, Iraq. He was assigned to 3rd Battalion, 7th Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division, I Marine Expeditionary Force, Twentynine Palms, Calif.



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in the civilian world and then come to us for entrepreneurial assistance.”

The center has arranged discounts for veterans who want to get into franchise businesses. “We have 150 franchisers who offer a benefit to veterans that they don’t offer to non-veterans,” Denniston said. “Some discount fees, some have better financing, some have financing at lower rates, some offer more management and technical assistance.”

Providing something extra for veterans is a requirement for franchisers who want to work through the center’s program, Denniston said. “When we established the program,” he explained, “we said, ‘We don’t care what kind of benefits you offer veterans, but you need to offer something that you don’t offer to non-veterans.’ In two years, we’ve put more than 300 veterans in business through franchising.”

Denniston said the program is geared toward franchises with start-up costs of less than \$100,000, citing the issue of veterans not having a lot of money. “They’re mostly service-oriented franchises, like home repair services, real estate appraisal services, rug cleaning, nursery care,” he said. “Now we have some of the fast food restaurants. Our 100th franchiser was Exxon-Mobil for their gas stations and On-the-Run stores.”

Danny M. Cobb, who started his business, Merid-

ian Solutions, a month ago in Frederick, Md., attended the open house seeking ways to take advantage of the services available for disabled veterans.

“I’m in the consulting field as a subject-matter expert in the areas of container security for homeland security,” said Cobb, who gained his expertise working for the U.S. Customs Service, which he left to start his own business. “I thought (the CVE open house) would be a good alliance, and it would provide resources to help me get started with approaching different federal agencies for contract work.”

Cobb, a former Marine corporal who joined the Corps in 1977 and was discharged in 1981, said he was looking for networking to get his name and his company’s name better exposure. He was seeking assistance in marketing and the names and contact information for contracting officers from various agencies.

Denniston said the center can help veterans no matter where they live. “We can assist you in finding local resources that can help you whether you need a business plan, a loan from a bank, marketing assistance,” he said. “Those are the types of networks we’ve established around the country in all 50 states and Puerto Rico to help veterans who want to start small businesses.”

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# Country music concert coming to the Fort

Army Morale Welfare and Recreation and Fort Huachuca will present country music stars Miranda Lambert and Jason Aldean, along with special guest, Jamey Johnson, in concert, beginning at 7:30 p.m., April 7 at Barnes Field House. Tickets are limited, so concert attendees are advised to purchase their tickets early.

A finalist on USA Network's "Nashville Star," Miranda Lambert struck gold with her debut album in December 2005. Her video, "Kerosene" recently hit number one on Country Music Television's *Top Twenty Countdown*.

Since releasing his first album in July 2005, Jason Aldean has toured extensively across the U.S. His hit video "Why?" is also on CMT's *Top Twenty Countdown* this week at number 10.

Singer songwriter Jamey Johnson's first album sold more than 12,000 copies in its first week of

release. His first single, "The Dollar," from his debut album of the same title, has made its way to number 16 on *Billboard* Magazine's country chart.

All three of these rising young stars will be coming to Fort Huachuca directly from performing at "Country Thunder USA," Arizona's premiere outdoor country music festival.

Tickets are on sale now at the ITR Office and other MWR locations for active duty military, their family members and other MWR patrons.

Prices are \$10 for active duty military and family members and \$13 for MWR patrons.

Any remaining tickets will be made available to the general public Saturday at Sierra Vista Safeway.

For more ticket information, call 533-2404.



**Clockwise,  
Miranda Lambert,  
Jason Aldean and  
Jamey Johnson**

Photos courtesy of MWR

## TM 5K/10K runs are Saturday

The Thunder Mountain 5K/10K Event, will be held starting 7 a.m., Saturday at Barnes Field House.

The 5K and 10K runs are open to everyone. Participants may compete in one of several categories or age groups.

Entry fees will be as follows for the 5K run: active duty military, with souvenir t-shirt, \$15; active duty military, without shirt, \$7; civilian, with shirt, \$17; and civilian, without shirt, \$9.

Entry fees for the 10K run will be: active duty military, with shirt, \$18; active duty military, without shirt, \$11; civilian, with shirt, \$25; and civilian, without shirt, \$15.

Entry forms for the event are available at Barnes Field House, Eifler Fitness Center, or on the internet at <http://active.com/>. Entry deadline is close of business tomorrow.

For more information, call Tom Lumley at 533-5031 or e-mail [thomas.lumley@hua.army.mil](mailto:thomas.lumley@hua.army.mil).

## B.O.S.S. to hold car wash

Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers will hold a car wash fund-raiser 10 a.m. - 2 p.m., Saturday in the parking lot of Sonic Drive-In, Fry Boulevard, Sierra Vista. Donations will go toward supporting B.O.S.S. programs.

For more information, call Sgt. Edward Malcolm at 533-6944 or 559-2741.

## DL Lanes cancels April 7 event

Desert Lanes Bowling Center wishes to announce that "Friday Night Madness," scheduled for April 7 has been canceled due to scheduling conflicts with other MWR events.

Friday Night Madness will resume its normal schedule, May 5.

For more information, call 533-2849.

## Festival of the Southwest April 7, 8, 9 at Veterans Memorial Park

The Recreation Services Division of MWR has announced that the 2006 Festival of the Southwest will be held 4 p.m. - midnight, April 7, noon - midnight, April 8 and noon - 5 p.m., April 9, at Veterans Memorial Park, Sierra Vista. The festival is open to the public and there is no admission charge.

There will be free live entertainment for the entire family all three days. April 7, the schedule is: from 4 to 5 p.m., the 36th Army Band; from 6 to 8 p.m., Bone Canyon Band; and from 9 p.m. to midnight, Train Wreck.

For April 8, the schedule is: from 3 to 7 p.m., Caribbean Steel; and from 8 p.m. to midnight, Primo.

April 9, celebrate the Month of the Military Child with Family Day at the festival. There will be numerous activities for youth, such as hair painting, a giant slide, laser tag, and visor painting, plus the following entertainment: from noon to 3 p.m., B Troop Cavalry and K-9 Unit demonstrations; from 1 to 2 p.m., Tae Kwon Do demonstration; at 1:30 p.m., hot dog eating contest; at 2 p.m., Scorpions Youth Wrestling Team demonstration; and at 2:30 p.m., praise dancing.

From 3 to 5 p.m., April 9, country duo, Partners will close out the festival.

Throughout the festival, DJ Mad Dog will provide a variety of musical entertainment.

There will be many attractions for the entire family including the popular City of Fun Carnival, with rides for all ages and thrill levels. Advance carnival tickets are on now sale at the ITR Office, Desert Lanes, and Sierra Vista Safeway, at the price of \$6 for 10 tickets. During the carnival, the cost will be \$8 for 10 tickets.

For more ticket information, call 533-2404.

In addition to the carnival operation, there will be a vendor area that features a wide variety of food, crafts, art, commercial and novelty merchants. The

festival is an excellent fund-raising opportunity.

Private organizations and individuals from the surrounding community have an opportunity to raise funds at the festival. Vendor spaces are now available for games, food and crafts.

Call Susan Keltner at 533-2948 to find out how you can participate.

## Four person scramble at MVGC

Mountain View Golf Course will present a pick-your-own-team, four person scramble April 8, with an 8:30 a.m. shotgun start.

Entry fee is \$30 for MVGC members or \$40 for all others. Entry includes prizes, lunch, range balls and green fee. (Carts not included in the entry fee.)

The tournament will be limited to the first 25 paid teams. For more information, call 533-7088.

## Easter Brunch Buffet at TMAC

The Thunder Mountain Activity Centre will present their Easter brunch buffet, 10:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m., April 16. Diners are invited to let TMAC's staff tempt them with a variety of culinary delights, starting with assorted fresh fruits and salads.

The carving station will include several gourmet entrees, including steamship round, smoked salmon and champagne chicken. Diners will also be able to build their own omelets and have it cooked to order.

A wide selection of breakfast specialties, vegetables, potatoes, freshly baked bread, pasta and cheeses will also be offered.

Cost of the buffet is \$21 per person for adults and \$10.50 for children ages 5-11. These prices include gratuity. Children 4 and under may dine free.

TMAC is located on the corner of Irwin and Kelsay Streets, Building 70525. For more information or reservations, call 533-3802.



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# The Scout TimeOut

## Winter wonderland in Arizona?!

*Prelude to first day of spring*



Photo by Rob Martinez

**Glen Becker, a Fort Huachuca employee, brought his wife, Tina, and son, Brian, on Post to enjoy the snow at Brown Parade Field. They figured that if it was snowing heavily in Sierra Vista, there must be even more snow on the Fort. "I'm surprised there's not more people out here," Becker said.**



Photo by Rob Martinez

**Sgt, 1st Class Patrick Mac Allister, Company F, 309th Military Intelligence Battalion, and his daughter, Elizabeth, build a snowman. Having always lived in the southern United States, it was the first time his daughter had seen snow.**



Photo by Rob Martinez

**Chief Warrant Officer Kendal Brown, Headquarters and Headquarters Company 11th Signal Brigade, and his youngest son, Kerric, build a snowman outside their quarters.**



Photo by Rob Martinez

**Soldiers from the 305th Military Intelligence Battalion enjoyed the rare snow day with a snowball fight.**



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Background photo by Thom Williams



# Fit For Life

## Improving pull-ups

By George R. Colfer, Ph.D.

Contributing Writer

Pull-ups are a difficult exercise, yet one of the best for the upper body, especially the back and shoulders. Pull-ups are a free-body exercise meaning its performance depends on relative strength which is strength in relation to one's body weight. If you can do three or four good pull-ups with correct form, it is easy to improve with practice. If you are struggling at one, two or zero, then it becomes more difficult to get past that point. Why? If you can't do the exercise, you can't improve upon it.

There are two avenues to improve pull-up performance. First, if you can perform six or even three or four, the goal will be to improve on muscular endurance. Take your maximum effort number of repetitions and divide by two. This will be your set number. Example: max#=6, Set#=3. Set up a workout schedule of two days on and one day off. Each training day do six sets of your set# with a rest of one to two minutes between sets. After 10 workout sessions (about two weeks) take a day off and the next day, test yourself. Establish a new max# and set#. Using the same

routine, train for two more weeks and retest. After a month, you should be able to increase your total reps by 50 percent or more. Example: previous max#=6, new max#=9.

Try another month of the same training and you should be able to do 12-14 reps. Once you reach your goal, you can maintain that new total by training three times per week. Once a week, do back-to-back sets of your max# with four minutes of rest in between. Suggestions for the other two sessions would be one workout of four sets at your new set# and one of decreasing ladder sets. Example: Max#=12, do four sets of 12-10-8-6 in that order. Retest your max# once a month. You can also devise your own schedule. Keep in mind that pull-ups being a free body exercise can be performed daily, but rest and recovery is also necessary for improvement.

Second, if you can perform zero to two pull-ups, you lack relative strength for your body weight. Strength development becomes essential plus practicing the pull-up technique. First of all, try chin-ups with the palms of your hands facing you (opposite of the pull-up). Chin-ups

use the elbow flexor muscles more than pull-ups and are easier to perform. Neutral grip pull-ups also are easier than regular pull-ups, but you will need an apparatus that allows the palms to face each other. If neither of these help, I would suggest the flexed-arm hang position. Place a stool or jump to reach the completed pull-up position and hold until fatigued, then slowly lower yourself to a position of extension. This is like doing a pull-up in reverse and will help strengthen the necessary muscles. I would also recommend basic strength

training exercises for the shoulders, arms and back. Examples would be standing dumbbell press, bent-over rowing, bench press, arm curl and latissimus pulldowns in front. Three sets of eight to 12 repetitions two to three times weekly will help build a foundation for pull-up strength. I advocate the use of free weights (dumbbells, barbells) over strength machines for these exercises as they will aid in core strength development, body stabilization vs. gravity and grip strength, all of which are important to pull-up performance.

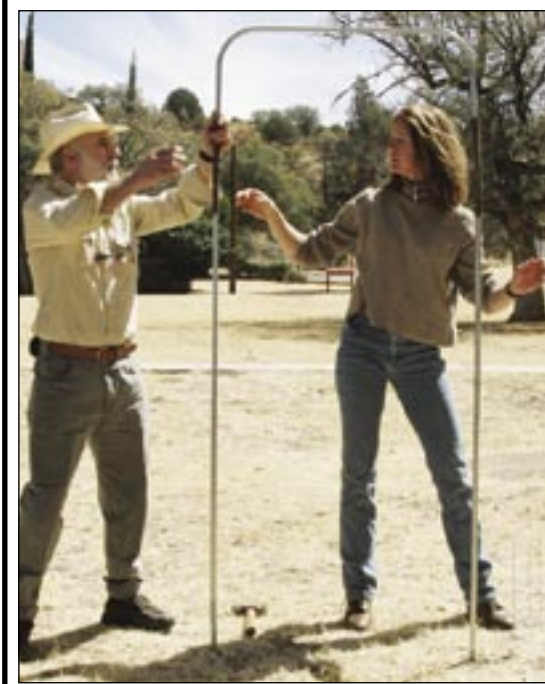


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## Hummingbird stations

**Wildlife biologists Sheridan Stone and Debbie Brewer, of the Department of Public Works' Natural Resources Division, install one of five hummingbird stations outside of the Fort Huachuca Public Affairs Office. Tonight, from 7-8:30 p.m. in the Mona Bishop Room, Sierra Vista Public Library, 2600 E. Tacoma St., Sierra Vista, Dr. Susan Wethington of the Hummingbird Monitoring Network will discuss the HMN. Fort Huachuca residents and others are invited to volunteer with the hummingbird monitoring project on Fort Huachuca. For information, call 533-7083.**

## Sierra Vista 50th Anniversary



**Countdown:**  
**Sierra Vista turns 50**  
**in 9 weeks**

### EDITORIAL COMMENT:

The City of Sierra Vista will celebrate its 50th anniversary, "More than a city—a way of life," May 26-28, 2006. In support of the city's celebration, each month until the celebration weekend, The Fort Huachuca Scout will run one reprinted article from the 1955 and 1956 issues of the "Fort Huachuca Scout," showing what fort life was like 50 years ago. Each week, we'll print one or more highlights of what happened on Fort Huachuca a half century ago.

Sierra Vista was founded in 1956 and annexed Fort Huachuca in 1971. Now, as in the past, the two entities worked together and are involved in many partnerships.

The Fort Huachuca Scout has been in publication for 54 years since 1951. Morgue copies of the "Scout" are available for viewing at the Fort Huachuca Public Affairs Office, Building 21115, 3015 Carnahan Street, across the street from the gazebo at the west end of Brown Parade Field. Call 533-2622 for additional information.

Enjoy reliving Fort Huachuca's past 50 years, and reminisce as

we travel back in time. - Joan Vasey

### Troops Take Acting Jobs

Two-hundred fifty-nine troops and 40 vehicles from this Army Electronic Proving Ground will arrive in Nogales International Airport this weekend in conjunction with the filming of "Battle Hymn" by Universal International Pictures.

"Our mission might be called 'Operation Hollywood' since we will be called upon for various sequences in the movie," says Major Griffith L. Cook, Jr., commanding officer. "But the troops are in for valuable Army training as well, and around a pre-selected bivouac site near the airport. Field problems in communications, supply movement, security measures and patrolling will be included during the period of encampment."

### Bivouac Through Thursday

The soldiers will be in bivouac Sunday through Thursday. They are scheduled to break camp and return to the Proving Ground March 30. A small quartering party will leave the Fort Saturday followed by the main body of troops and vehicles at 8 a.m. the next day. The convoy will move along State Highway 82 directly to the bivouac site adjacent to the airport. It will return the same way.

Working with Hollywood is nothing new to Major Cook. It happened once before during a period

of detailed service with the Navy after World War II. As assistant communications officer with U.S. Amphibious Forces in the Atlantic, he gave technical advice in location filming of the motion picture "Frogmen."

Maj. Cook, as commanding officer of the 11th Signal Battalion here, heads three troop units taking part in the move to Nogales. He will be assisted by Captain Richard M. Lowers, commanding the 68th Signal Company, and by First Lieutenant Von W. Freeman, commanding the 525th Signal Company. Men and equipment are from these three companies and from Headquarters 11th Signal Battalion.

"Battle Hymn" is the true heartwarming story of Air Force Colonel Dean Hess who organized an airlift for hundreds of orphaned Korean children during the Korean campaign. In the movie, the role of Colonel Hess will be played by Rock Hudson.

Fort Huachuca is one of many contracted Army, Air Force and National Guard organizations cooperating in the production of the film at the Nogales, Arizona location site near the Mexican border. In addition to troop support, the post has already furnished Army communications equipment, vehicles, aircraft, and various supplies for use in the motion picture.



# St. Patrick's Day Parade



*Participants and viewers alike celebrated during the 7th annual Sierra Vista St. Patrick's Day parade, Saturday. The parade formed off of Fry Boulevard and 7th Street, and ended at Veterans Memorial Park.*



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## Children's book drive

The Sierra Vista Optimist Club is kicking off "A Book of My Own." The club provides books to elementary school readers to help them appreciate reading and to improve their reading skills. Collection is now through April. Drop-off points are Cochise College Library, the Landmark Café, Borgstadt Chiropractic and Buzz Breads. For more information, contact Ray Ricco at 459-5502 or Donne Puckle at 458-4122.

## "Smooth Move for Kids" workshop

Army Community Service will offer the "Smooth Move for Kids" workshop at 9 a.m., March 31 at the ACS Building 50010.

The workshop helps ease the anxiety for children and make moving easier for everyone.

The class is free; pre-register by calling ACS at 533-2330.

## Weight loss support group can help

The Raymond W. Bliss Army Health Center Weight Loss Support Group meets every other Wednesday from 5-6 p.m. at the Preventive Medicine Clinic located at Riley Barracks. Those who are trying to lose weight and who need some support will

are invited. There are no fees or contracts to join. Call 533-3536 for more information. The next meeting will be Wednesday at 5 p.m. Future meeting dates are April 12 and 16.

## Volunteers sought for Girl Scout program

With people transferring out of the area, the Fort Huachuca Girl Scout program is in need of new leaders and other volunteers. The organization needs a registrar, organizer, treasurer, product program manager, events coordinator as well as Girl Scout leaders. Training will be provided for each position.

Contact Teresa Short at 417-2487 or Karen Robbins at 515-8404 for more information or to obtain an application.

## Widowed Support Center offers support, companionship

The Widowed Support Center is located at the corner of Fry Boulevard and Buffalo Soldier Trail. Volunteers staff the center from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Friday with someone to answer questions, refer people to the correct agency, provide coffee, tea or a shoulder to lean on.

WSC has scheduled activities each month. WSC is planning a spring visit to the Singing Winds

Book Shop in Willcox. The date will be announced soon.

Every Wednesday is crafts day.

For information on WSC activities, call 533-3807.

## Best of Sierra Vista Youth Talent Show

Who said that all talent resides in Hollywood? Dispel that thought and attend the 16th annual "Best of Sierra Vista Youth Talent Show" on Saturday at 6:30 p.m. at the Buena High School Performing Arts Center, 5225 Buena School Boulevard, Sierra Vista. The event showcases the varied talents of the city's younger generation. For more information, contact the Ethel Berger Center at 417-6980.

## Spring craft bazaar happens Saturday

Join local merchants as they show their wares, featuring: clothing, jewelry, woodcraft, ceramics, candles, knick-knacks, quilts, decorative items, handmade cards and other fine crafts Saturday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Ethel Berger Center, 2950 East Tacoma Street, Sierra Vista. Sample a variety of baked goods or purchase something from the snack bar during lunch. There is no cost to attend.

## Sonoita-Bisbee bike tour planned

The Greater Arizona Bicycling Association will sponsor the Sonoita-Bisbee Bike Tour on April 8 and 9. Cyclists will travel 69 miles each day.

The Tour starts in Sonoita at the Fairgrounds on April 8. Pre-registration is required. Register between 6:30 and 8 a.m. The route will be southeast from Sonoita to the West Gate of Fort Huachuca, through the fort, then along back roads to Palominas and Bisbee. Travelers will stay overnight in Bisbee. Camping is included in the fee, or cyclists may make other arrangements. There will be a group dinner at the Copper Queen Hotel on April 8, and an optional 6 a.m. breakfast at the Copper Queen. Return to Sonoita on Sunday along the same route.

For all the details and registration forms, visit the Website at [www.bikegaba.org](http://www.bikegaba.org).

Or, call Suzanne Couvrette, ride organizer, at 520-891-4661.

## Hot Well Dunes sand drag races offer high-speed action

Some of the fastest off-highway vehicles outside of the showroom can be seen at Graham County's Hot Well Dunes on April 1 during the annual Sand

Drag Races.

From custom bikes to stock racers, thousands of people gravitate to a large sand dune on Bureau of Land Management land to watch riders challenge each other in a race to the top of the dune.

All types of vehicles including sand rails, ATVs, motor bikes and four-wheel-drive trucks are allowed to travel anywhere within the fenced boundary. There are low, sparsely vegetated dunes for those preferring a slower-paced ride. Several larger dunes provide a challenge for the adventurous rider. Off-highway vehicle use is allowed outside of the fenced area on existing roads and trails only. BLM recreation use fees are \$3 per vehicle per day, or \$30 for an annual permit.

Driving adventures aren't the only draw to the Hot Wells Dunes. Visitors can relax in one of the hot tubs filled with 100-plus degree natural spring water.

Events run all weekend. Campsites are available, as is lodging in Safford.

For driving directions or for more information, contact the Graham County Chamber of Commerce, toll free, at 1-888-837-1841. Send e-mail request to [info@graham-chamber.com](mailto:info@graham-chamber.com). Or, visit the Web site at [www.visitgrahamcounty.com](http://www.visitgrahamcounty.com).

## At The Movies

Showing at the Cochise Theater for the next week are:

### Today -7 p.m.

Annapolis  
PG-13

### Friday

When a Stranger Calls  
PG-13

### Saturday -7 p.m.

Final Destination  
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### Sunday -2 p.m.

Something New  
PG-13

### Monday - Wednesday

Closed

Reduced prices on Thursday evening and Sunday matinees.

## Watch CAC

For the latest news on the Fort Huachuca community as well as all of your military branches worldwide, the Commander's Access Channel (Channel 97) is your first and most reliable source.

The Scout will notify the community of the return of the Fort Report and until then, keep tuned to the CAC for other pertinent post information.



## Pets Of The Week



**Loki is an adorable approximately 1-year-old American Bulldog mix. Courtesy photo from [petfinder.com](http://petfinder.com).**



**Bella is a 10-week-old blue point Siamese mix. Courtesy photo from [petfinder.com](http://petfinder.com).**

**These animals and more are available for adoption from the Fort Huachuca Veterinary Treatment Facility. For more information, call 533-2767 or visit [forhuachuca.petfinder.com](http://forhuachuca.petfinder.com). In accordance with Army regulation, stray animals are kept for three working days to find an owner. After three days, they are either put up for adoption or humanely euthanized. Strays are available for adoption for 30 days before they are euthanized.**

# Education briefings set

## Scout reports

Army Education Center personnel will brief Soldiers on the new Centralized Tuition Assistance Management program on Friday at 8:30 and 10:30 a.m., and at 1:30 p.m. in Cochise Theater here.

The Army Continuing Education System is currently undergoing a revolutionary modernization and new automated business process called Centralized Tuition Assistance Management. The process will give Soldiers virtual access to request Army Tuition Assistance online through a new portal called GoArmyEd, to be launched on April 1.

On that date, Soldiers will begin requesting TA through GoArmyEd for classes that begin on May 1 and later. Soldiers who have received TA with a passing grade since Oct. 1, 2004 will receive an invitation in the

Army Knowledge Online email account to obtain a login and password for the GoArmyEd portal. Soldiers who previously enrolled in the eArmyU program and have maintained the minimum standard Grade Point Average of 2.0 will automatically have access to GoArmyEd.

Soldiers should visit the website ([www.goarmyed.com](http://www.goarmyed.com)) before the briefing for the latest updates so the Soldiers can address any questions they have with the Education Center. Currently, the eArmyU homepage appears under this address and will change to GoArmyEd on April 1.

The primary anticipated advantage to the Soldier of GoArmyEd is equal access to tuition assistance, 24 hours a day, regardless of geographical location.

For more information, call 533-3010/2255.

# It's scholarship time here

It's that time of year again. It's time to start planning for tuition and expenses for the fall semester of college.

Whether one is a soon-to-be high school grad or a continuing education student, Army installations offer a wide

array of scholarships specific to Soldiers and their families.

The Army and Air Force Exchange service generally offers annual scholarships to military dependents, as does the commissary. Army Community Service and the Post education

center may be another place to begin looking.

Below is a list of scholarships available here. Remember, though, this is only a small list and does not contain all the monies which may be available.

SCHOLARSHIP	AMOUNT	ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS	DEADLINE	POC
Thrift Shop S. Hinckley Memorial	\$1000	high school seniors	March 30	458-4606
Military Intelligence Corps Association	scholarship amount varies based on number of applications received	MI Soldier or a family member; must be working on 1 <sup>st</sup> undergraduate degree	May 15	533-1174
Army Emergency Relief	need-based	spouses and widows of active-duty Soldiers	May 22	533-5972
FHCSC	several scholarships available	high school seniors and spouses	March 17	417-0220
Reserve Officers Association	Sixty \$500 scholarships	Undergraduate or graduate. Families of ROA members	Not listed	Chandra Oliphant 1-800-809-9448 Ext. 730

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